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Factories and Shops Acts.

DETERMINATION OF THE GAS METER BOARD.

NOTE.—This Determination since the 2nd July, 1946, has applied to the whole of the State of Victoria.

IN accordance with the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts, the Wages Board appointed to "determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, business, or occupation of making or repairing gas meters" has made the following Determination, namely:—

1. That as from the beginning of the first pay period to commence in May, 1951, the last previous Determination of this Board shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

2. WAGES PER WEEK OF 40 HOURS.

(a) Makers and/or repairers of gas meters which are assembled by the use of screws, bolts, or rivets.

						Total Wage Payable.
						£ s. d.
(i) Adults.						
Tester other than sound tester	..	..	..	..	..	10 8 6
Sound tester	..	..	..	..	..	10 8 6
Spray and other painter	..	..	..	..	..	10 8 6
Valve grinder other than loose grinder	..	..	..	..	..	10 8 6
Assembler and/or repairer	..	..	..	..	..	10 8 6

(ii) Junior Employees.

						Percentage of Basic Wage.	Additional Amount.	Total Wage Payable.
							s. d.	£ s. d.
Under 16 years of age	..	..	..	..	..	24	2 0	2 4 6
16 years of age	..	..	..	..	..	34	3 0	3 3 0
17 years of age	..	..	..	..	..	46	4 0	4 5 6
18 years of age	..	..	..	..	..	58	5 0	5 7 6
19 years of age	..	..	..	..	..	73	6 0	6 15 0
20 years of age	..	..	..	..	..	88	7 0	8 3 0

(b) Makers and/or repairers of other gas meters.

Apprentices or Improvers.					Other Employees.			
—	Per-centage of Basic Wage.	Weekly Rate.	War Loading.	Total Weekly Wage.	—	Weekly Rate.	War Loading.	Total Weekly Wage.
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.		£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.
1st year—					Leading hand (i.e., one having under his control and being responsible for the work done by two or more men) ..	13 12 4	6 0	13 18 4
1st six months	28	49 6	0 9	50 3	Meter maker or repairer ..	11 1 0	6 0	11 7 0
2nd six months	32	56 6	0 9	57 3	Prepayment meter attachment maker ..	11 18 6	6 0	12 4 6
2nd year ..	40	71 0	1 0	72 0	Caster of gratings and covers ..	11 18 6	6 0	12 4 6
3rd year ..	54	95 6	1 6	97 0	Head tester—			
4th year ..	79	140 0	2 3	142 3	(a) where eight or more other testers are employed ..	13 12 0	6 0	13 18 0
5th year ..	100 + 1s.	178 0	3 0	181 0	(b) where four and not more than seven other testers are employed ..	13 2 8	6 0	13 8 8
					Other tester ..	11 11 0	4 0	11 15 0
					Leading diaphragm tier (where two or more other diaphragm tiers are employed) ..	12 11 6	6 0	12 17 6
					Other diaphragm tier, including persons banding, crimping, or wiring ..	10 8 5	3 0	10 11 5
					Leading diaphragm cutter, where two or more cutters are employed ..	12 1 7	4 0	12 5 7
					Other diaphragm cutter ..	10 15 2	3 0	10 18 2
					Rim, disc, or prepayment meter cash box maker ..	11 0 1	4 0	11 4 1
					Machinist (power press) ..	10 9 8	3 0	10 12 8
					Other Machinist ..	9 15 4	3 0	9 18 4
					Assistant machinist ..	9 6 9	3 0	9 9 9
					All others ..	8 17 0	3 0	9 0 0

PROPORTION (within any place).

Apprentices.

One apprentice to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than 180s. per week of 40 hours.

Improvers.

Such number of improvers as shall not, together with apprentices, exceed in the aggregate one to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than 180s. per week of 40 hours.

HOURS OF DUTY.

3. The ordinary hours of work shall be 40 per week, to be worked on five days between the hours of 7.30 a.m. and 5.15 p.m., from Monday to Friday inclusive.

EMERGENCY PROVISIONS.

3A. (a) Notwithstanding anything elsewhere contained in this Determination, the following provisions shall apply in the case of an employer who is subject to restriction or rationing in the use of electric energy and/or coal gas and/or the emergency disconnection thereof in accordance with orders or regulations approved by the appropriate lawful authority.

(i) If by reason of such restriction or rationing or emergency disconnection he is unable usefully to employ an employee for the whole or part of any day or shift, he may deduct from the wages of that employee payment for any part of the day or shift such employee cannot be usefully employed provided that—

- (1) if an employer requires the employee to attend for work but is not able to employ him usefully the employee shall be entitled to be paid for two hours' work;
- (2) where an employee commences work he shall be entitled to be paid for four hours' work;
- (3) this sub-clause shall not apply to apprentices.

(ii) He may require any day worker to perform his ordinary hours of work (or any such ordinary hours of work) at any time on any day other than on a Sunday on the basis of 40 hours per week. The following rates of pay shall apply for such work—

- (1) for work performed on Mondays to Friday from 7 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to noon—ordinary time;
- (2) for work performed between noon and midnight on Saturdays—ordinary rates plus 25 per cent;
- (3) for work performed at all other times other than on a Sunday—ordinary rates plus 10 per cent.

Provided that when a worker is required to commence work between the hours of 9.30 p.m. and 6 a.m., the amount he shall receive shall not be less than an amount of 5s. more than the amount he would receive if paid at ordinary day rates.

(iii) He may require any shift worker to perform his hours of work at any time other than on a Sunday on the basis of 40 hours per week. The following rates of pay shall apply for such work:—

- (1) for day work or day shift work—ordinary time;
- (2) for work performed between noon and midnight on Saturdays—ordinary rates plus 25 per cent;
- (3) for afternoon and night shifts—ordinary rates plus 10 per cent.

Provided that when a shift worker is required to commence work between the hours of 9.30 p.m. and 6 a.m., the amount he shall receive shall not be less than an amount of 5s. more than the amount he would receive if paid at ordinary rates.

(4) Nothing contained in this sub-clause shall operate so as to reduce the shift premiums payable to employees who were shift workers working on afternoon and night shifts only at the date of such interference as aforesaid and who continue to work on such shifts.

(iv) He may alter the time at which meal breaks are usually taken and/or the duration of them, in order to avoid or mitigate the effects of such interference, without being liable to pay penalty rates for work done during the normal meal breaks; provided that the commencing time of any meal break is not made more than one hour earlier or later than usual and that a meal break of at least twenty minutes is allowed; and provided also that the employer shall, whenever it is practicable, consult with the representative of the Union or Unions before acting under this paragraph.

(b) Notwithstanding anything elsewhere contained in this Determination, the provisions of this clause shall also apply (*mutatis mutandis*) in the case of an employer who uses auxiliary power plant for the purpose of providing employment for his employees whilst such restriction or rationing or emergency disconnection is in force and who—

- (i) is unable usefully to employ an employee for the whole of any day or shift by reason of a breakdown in plant through no fault of his own; or
- (ii) because of the inability of the auxiliary power plant to meet the normal demands for power—
 - (1) finds it necessary to require any employee to perform his ordinary hours of work (or any of such ordinary hours of work) outside the hours normally worked by such employee; or
 - (2) finds it necessary to alter the time at which meal breaks are usually taken and/or the duration of them.

OVERTIME.

4. (a) All work done outside the hours fixed as the times of beginning and ending work, or within such hours in excess of 40 in any week, shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half.

(b) An employer may require any employee to work reasonable overtime at overtime rates and such employee shall work overtime in accordance with such requirement.

SPECIAL RATES FOR SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

5. All work done on Sunday, Good Friday, Christmas Day, or Labour Day, shall be paid for at the rate of double time, and on New Year's Day, Australia Day, Easter Saturday, Easter Monday, King's Birthday, or Boxing Day, at the rate of time and a half; but if any other day be by Act of Parliament or Proclamation substituted for any of the above-named holidays, the special rate shall only be payable for work done on the day so substituted.

In this clause the expressions "double time" and "time and a half" shall mean respectively, when the employee has worked on any of the days named, double the money or half as much again of the money he would have earned had the day in question been an ordinary working day.

In addition to the holidays prescribed above the 9th May, 1951, shall be observed as a Public Holiday, and employees shall be entitled to be absent from work on such day without loss of pay, provided that the employees concerned shall attend for work on the working day immediately preceding and the working day immediately following such holiday. Employees required to work on this holiday shall be paid for such work at double time.

ANNUAL LEAVE.

Period of Leave.

6. (a) A period of twenty-one consecutive days' leave shall be allowed annually to an employee after twelve months' continuous service (less the period of annual leave) as an employee on weekly hiring in any one or more of the occupations to which this Determination applies.

Annual Leave Exclusive of Public Holidays.

(b) Subject to this sub-clause the annual leave prescribed by this clause shall be exclusive of any of the holidays prescribed by clause 5 of this Determination and if any such holiday falls within an employee's period of annual leave and is observed on a day which in the case of that employee would have been an ordinary working day there shall be added to the period of annual leave time equivalent to the ordinary time which the employee would have worked if such day had not been a holiday.

Where a holiday falls as aforesaid and the employee fails without reasonable cause proof whereof shall be upon him to attend for work at his ordinary starting time on the working day immediately following the last day of the period of his annual leave he shall not be entitled to be paid for any such holiday.

Broken Leave.

(c) The annual leave shall be given and taken in a continuous period or, if the employee and the employer so agree in two separate periods and not otherwise.

Calculation of Continuous Service.

(d) For the purposes of this clause service shall be deemed to be continuous notwithstanding—

- (i) any interruption or termination of the employment by the employer if such interruption or termination has been made merely with the intention of avoiding obligations hereunder in respect of leave of absence;
- (ii) any absence from work on account of personal sickness or accident or on account of leave lawfully granted by the employer; or
- (iii) any absence with reasonable cause proof whereof shall be upon the employee.

In cases of personal sickness or accident or absence with reasonable cause the employee to become entitled to the benefit of this sub-clause shall inform the employer in writing if practicable within 24 hours of the commencement of such absence of his inability to attend for duty and as far as practicable the nature of the illness, injury or cause and the estimated duration of his absence. A notification given by an employee pursuant to clause 10 shall be accepted as a notification under this sub-clause.

Any absence from work by reason of any cause not being a cause specified in this sub-clause shall not be deemed to break the continuity of service for the purposes of this clause unless the employer during the absence or within fourteen days of the termination of the absence notifies the employee in writing that such absence will be regarded as having broken the continuity of service.

In cases of individual absenteeism such notice shall be given in writing to the employee concerned, but in cases of concerted or collective absenteeism notice may be given to employees by the posting up of a notification in the plant, in the manner in which general notifications to employees are usually made in that plant and by posting to the union whose members have participated in such concerted or collective absenteeism a copy of same not later than the day it is posted up in the plant.

A notice to an individual employee may be given by delivering same to him personally or by posting it to his last recorded address, in which case it shall be deemed to have reached him in due course of post.

In calculating the period of twelve months' continuous service any such absence as aforesaid shall not, except to the extent of not more than fourteen days in a twelve-monthly period in the case of sickness or accident, be taken into account in calculating the period of twelve months' continuous service.

Calculation of Service.

(e) Service before the date of operation of this Determination shall be taken into consideration for the purpose of calculating annual leave but an employee shall not be entitled to leave or payment in lieu thereof for any period in respect of which leave or a payment in lieu thereof has been allowed or made under the clause hereby revoked.

Where the employer is a successor or assignee or transferee of a business if an employee was in the employment of the employer's predecessor at the time when he became such successor or assignee or transferee the employee in respect of the period during which he was in the service of the predecessor shall for the purpose of this clause be deemed to be in the service of the employer.

Calculation of Month.

(f) For the purpose of this clause a month shall be reckoned as commencing with the beginning of the first day of the employment or period of employment in question and as ending at the beginning of the day which in the latest month in question has the same date number as that which the commencing day had in its month and if there be no such day in such subsequent month shall be reckoned as ending at the end of such subsequent month.

Leave to be Taken.

(g) The annual leave provided for by this clause shall be allowed and shall be taken and except as provided by sub-clauses (k) and (l) hereof payment shall not be made or accepted in lieu of annual leave.

Time of Taking Leave.

(h) Annual leave shall be given at a time fixed by the employer within a period not exceeding six months from the date when the right to annual leave accrued and after not less than two weeks' notice to the employee.

Leave Allowed Before Due Date.

(i) An employer may allow annual leave to an employee before the right thereto has accrued due but where leave is taken in such a case a further period of annual leave shall not commence to accrue until after the expiration of the twelve months in respect of which annual leave had been taken before it accrued.

Where leave has been granted to an employee pursuant to this sub-clause before the right thereto has accrued due and the employee subsequently leaves or is discharged from the service of the employer before completing the twelve months' continuous service in respect of which the leave was granted the employer may for each one complete month of the qualifying period of twelve months not served by the employee deduct from whatever remuneration is payable upon the termination of the employment one-twelfth of the amount of wage paid on account of the annual leave, which amount shall not include any sums paid for any of the holidays prescribed by clause 5 of this Determination.

Payment for Period of Leave.

(j) Each employee before going on leave shall be paid three weeks' wages, except a shift worker or an employee taking his leave pursuant to sub-clause (c) of this clause either of whom shall be paid the amount of wage he would have received in respect of the ordinary time which he would have worked had he not been on leave during the relevant periods. For the purposes of this sub-clause and sub-clause (k) hereof wages shall be at the rate prescribed by clause 2 of this Determination for the occupation in which the employee was ordinarily employed immediately prior to the commencement of his leave or the termination of his employment, as the case may be. Payment in the case of employees employed on piece or bonus work or any other system of payment by results shall be at time rates.

Proportionate Leave on Dismissal.

(k) If after one month's continuous service in any qualifying twelve-monthly period an employee lawfully leaves his employment or his employment is terminated by the employer through no fault of the employee, the employee shall be paid at his ordinary rate of wage for 10 hours in respect of each completed month of continuous service in respect of which leave has not been granted hereunder.

Annual Close Down.

(l) Where an employer closes down his plant, or a section or sections thereof, for the purposes of allowing annual leave to all or the bulk of the employees in the plant, or section or sections concerned, the following provisions shall apply:—

- (i) He may by giving not less than one month's notice of his intention so to do stand off for the duration of the close down all employees in the plant or section or sections concerned, and allow to those who are not then qualified for twenty-one consecutive days' leave, paid leave on a proportionate basis of one-quarter of a week's leave for each completed month of continuous service.
- (ii) An employee who has then qualified for twenty-one consecutive days' leave, and has also completed a further month or more of continuous service shall be allowed his leave, and shall subject to sub-clause (e) hereof also be paid one-quarter of a week's wages in respect of each completed month of continuous service performed since the close of his last twelve-monthly qualifying period.
- (iii) The next twelve-monthly qualifying period for each employee affected by such close down shall commence from the day on which the plant, or section or sections concerned is re-opened for work.

Provided that all time during which an employee is stood off without pay for the purposes of this sub-clause shall be deemed to be time of service in the next twelve-monthly qualifying period.

- (iv) If in the first year of his service with an employer an employee is allowed proportionate annual leave under paragraph (i) hereof, and subsequently within such year lawfully leaves his employment or his employment is terminated by the employer through no fault of the employee, he shall be entitled to the benefit of sub-clause (k) of this clause subject to adjustment for any proportionate leave which he may have been allowed as aforesaid.

PIECEWORKERS.

(m) A pieceworker shall be entitled to the same annual leave and public holidays as a time-worker, and for such annual leave and public holidays he shall be paid at the same rate as a time-worker doing the same class of work.

PROMOTIONS.

7. (a) In shortening hands or making promotions the employer shall put efficiency foremost, and in the event of equal efficiency, shall prefer a senior man to a junior.

(b) "Efficiency" means special qualifications and aptitude including suitability in age for the discharge of the duties of the office to be filled, together with merit and good and diligent conduct.

SENIORITY LISTS.

8. Seniority lists shall be compiled by each employer showing the last date on which each employee entered the service of his employer. Each employer shall, if and when reasonably required, furnish a copy of the seniority list to the Secretary of the Union concerned.

CONDITIONS OF ENGAGEMENT.

9. (a) Except as otherwise hereinafter provided, all employees shall be engaged by the week the employment to be terminable only by a week's notice on either side, which notice may be given at any time during any week.

(b) Provided, however, subject to clauses 7 and 8 hereof, that notwithstanding any provision elsewhere herein contained any employer may deduct payment for any day the employee cannot usefully be employed because of any strike or any stoppage of work by any cause for which the employer cannot reasonably be held responsible.

(c) Provided that for misconduct or neglect of duty by an employee, his employment may be determined forthwith without notice, in which case he shall be entitled only to an amount for wages proportionate to the amount of work done before such termination, such amount for wages to be paid forthwith.

(d) From the commencement of an employee's service during a time not exceeding two weeks, the employer may engage him by the day, subject to payment of the rate of wage prescribed for other than weekly employees.

(e) Subject to any express limitation in the terms of his engagement and to his right to determine his employment by a week's notice, an employee to become entitled to the benefits of this Determination must do such kinds of work at such times as the employer may require him to do for the time being, but the employer shall in respect of such work observe any applicable provisions of this Determination as to special or extra rates.

(f) If an employee absents himself from duty or does not attend for duty, the employer, subject to the provisions for sick leave and accident leave hereinafter contained, may deduct from the employee's wages an amount proportionate to the length of the employee's absence or non-attendance.

SICK LEAVE.

10. (a) An employee on weekly hiring who has served his present employer for a period of three weeks or more and who is absent from his work on account of illness or on account of injury or accident shall be entitled to 80 hours' sick leave (two weeks) with pay which shall be cumulative in accordance with sub-clause (b) hereof.

(b) The sick leave prescribed in sub-clause (a) hereof shall accumulate from year to year so that any balance of the period therein specified which has in any year not been allowed to an employee by an employer as paid sick leave may be claimed by the employee, and subject to the conditions prescribed shall be allowed by the employer in a subsequent year without diminution of the sick leave prescribed in respect of that year. Provided that sick leave which accumulates pursuant to this sub-clause shall be available to the employee for a period of three years, but for no longer from the end of the year in which it accrues.

(c) A pieceworker shall be entitled to the same sick leave as a time-worker, and for such sick leave he shall be paid at the same rate as a time-worker doing the same class of work.

(d) The payment for sick leave is subject to the employee or his representative notifying the employer promptly in the case of a single day absence, and the production of evidence satisfactory to the employer in the case of a longer absence.

PIECEWORK PRICES.

11. In addition to the piecework prices set out in this clause a pieceworker shall be paid 6s. War Loading for each full week worked or a pro rata amount according to the time actually worked if less than a full week is worked.

The lowest piecework prices payable to any person engaged in the following kinds of work shall be :—

(a) MAKING TIN DRY ORDINARY METERS, "MET" AND "P. AND C." PATTERN, ALSO HIGH CAPACITY METERS, "P. AND C." PATTERN.

	H.C. 1.	H.C. 2.			
	per doz. £ s. d.	per doz. £ s. d.			
<i>Ordinary Meters.</i>					
Making "Met" pattern meters, i.e., doing any work necessary to complete the meter, including the putting together of all parts; preparing gratings and covers (after leaving the mould); putting on pins and wires, forming long and diaphragm chambers, throat pieces, bridges, and back plates; folding edge; breaking edges of side pipes; making valve plates; oiling, sounding, and fixing up all leaks in diaphragms; setting and grinding valves; and tinning all parts including anti-fraud boxes	26 0 6	28 17 5			
	<i>Lights.</i>				
	2.	3.	5.	10.	20.
	per doz.	per doz.	per doz.	per doz.	per doz.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Making "P. and C." pattern meters, i.e., doing any work necessary to complete the meter, including the putting together of all parts, and the making of valves plates; oiling, sounding, and fixing up leaks in diaphragms; setting and grinding valves; preparing gratings and covers (after leaving moulds); putting on pins and wires, and tinning all parts; but not including forming long and diaphragm chambers, throat pieces, bridges, and back plates; punching cock plates; folding edge of same; and breaking edges of side pipes	16 19 8	17 12 5	19 19 4	23 19 6	34 15 2
<i>High Capacity Meters.</i>					
Making "P. and C." high capacity meters, i.e., doing any work necessary to complete the meter, including the putting together of all parts, the making of valve plates, soldering in rims, banding on diaphragms, sounding and fixing up leaks in diaphragms, setting and grinding valves, preparing gratings and covers, putting on pins and wires, and tinning all parts, but not including forming long and diaphragm chambers, throat pieces, bridges, back plates, punching cock plates, folding edge of same, breaking edges of side pipes, making up rims or bands for diaphragms, fastening tapes to rims, crimping or fastening discs to diaphragms, and oiling diaphragms; also, bending top arms.	Capacity, 100 cubic feet per hour £18 15s. 11d. per doz.				
	Capacity, 125 cubic feet per hour £21 11s. 4d. per doz.				

(a) MAKING TIN DRY ORDINARY METERS, "P. AND C." PATTERN.

"P. and C." A.V. 2'200 feet per hour. Open Top Pattern Meters.	
Making up "P. and C." A.V. 2'200 feet per hour Open Top Pattern Meters, i.e., doing the following work necessary to complete the meter, including the putting together of all parts and the making of valve plates, making up case, soldering in rims, banding on diaphragms, sounding and fixing up leaks in diaphragms, setting and grinding valves, preparing gratings and covers, tinning all parts, soldering both back and front of division, soldering flag to roller and pillar unit, soldering in rods and tees and tees and motion wires, soldering on backs and fronts, soldering in bridges, soldering in and fitting index boxes, soldering arms to covers, pinning covers and setting tangents (but not including forming centre tube throat pieces), making up rims and bands for diaphragms, fastening tapes to rims, crimping or fastening discs to diaphragms and oiling diaphragms, assembling of bridges, making up of index complete in pan with stuffing box attached, stuffing index box or drilling, tapping or screwing arms to covers.	£18 12s. 4d. per doz.

(b) MAKING TIN DRY PREPAYMENT METERS.

Making "P. and C." pattern high capacity prepayment meters, i.e., doing any work necessary to complete the meter, including the putting together of all parts, the making of valve plates, soldering in rims, banding on diaphragms, sounding and fixing up leaks in diaphragms, setting and grinding valves, preparing gratings and covers, putting on pins and wires, tinning all parts, soldering prepayment valve seat on bridge, soldering in prepayment valve, soldering top on prepayment valve box, soldering prepayment valve box to meter, soldering stuffing box to prepayment valve box and stuffing same, soldering on lever, soldering on circular box, soldering on prepayment movement and index, soldering on side cash box, soldering hasp to catch piece, soldering catch piece to meter, edging front of money box and attaching same to box, soldering on ring and tab to front of money box, trying coins in circular box, soldering on indicator, soldering bottom to cash box, but not including forming long and diaphragm chambers, throat pieces, bridges, back plates, punching cock plates, folding edge of same, breaking edges of side pipes, making up rims or bands for diaphragms, fastening tapes to rims, crimping or fastening discs to diaphragms, and oiling diaphragms.	Capacity, 100 cubic feet per hour £23 3s. 0d. per doz.
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PIECERWORK PRICES—continued.

(c) MAKING RIMS AND DISCS.

	Lights.							
	2.	3.	5.	10.	20.	30.	50.	60.
	per job of 400 rims and 200 discs.	per job of 620 rims.	per job of 580 rims.	per job of 460 rims.	per job of 240 rims.	per job of 240 rims.	per doz. discs.	per doz. discs.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Making rims and discs	13 11 11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Making rims .. .. .	..	13 11 11	13 11 11	13 11 11	13 11 11	13 11 11	..	..
					per doz. discs.	per doz. discs.		
Making discs .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0 10 10½	0 15 11	1 18 3½	2 6 0½
Making rims for circular crimped-on diaphragms .. .. .	..	..	per job of 400 rims. 11 12 6	per job of 400 rims. 12 1 3	..	..	..	..

(d) WIRING OR TYING DIAPHRAGMS.

	2, 3, or 5 Lights.	10 Lights.
	per dozen. s. d.	per dozen. s. d.
Wiring or tying diaphragms	11 7½	15 2½

(e) RENEWALS.

	Lights.				
	30.	50.	60.	80.	100.
<i>Ordinary Meters.</i>	per doz.	per job of 6.	per job of 6.	per job of 3.	per job of 3.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Renewing in the following manner ordinary condemned meters from which the top back plate, and back and front have been removed, viz.:— Dissecting and cleaning all parts fit to be re-used and making a new meter therewith by:— Forming diaphragms and long chambers, throat pieces, bridges, back plates; punching cock plate and folding edges; breaking edges of side pipes, any other necessary work	70 9 5	54 9 0	58 5 5	39 0 0	39 0 0

(f) REPAIRING METERS.

	H.C. 1.	H.C. 2.	Lights.			
			5.	10.	20.	30.
	each meter. s. d.	each meter. s. d.	each meter. s. d.	each meter. s. d.	each meter. s. d.	each meter. s. d.
Repairing "Met" pattern meters, i.e., doing such of the following work as may be necessary to restore the meter to good repair, viz.:— Removing back and front; removing cock plate and back plate; cleaning meter; re-grinding valves; re-stuffing centre and side stuffing boxes; re-setting valves and top arms; inserting new diaphragms; removing index; putting in new valve arms, index glass, or new tin work	27 8	27 8	25 7	30 6½	43 0	50 0½
Repairing prepayment slot meters, i.e., doing such of the following work as may be necessary to restore the meter to good repair, viz.:— Cleaning meter; re-grinding valves; re-stuffing boxes; re-setting top arms and valves; removing top and back plates; taking off and replacing back and front, and inserting new diaphragms, new valve arms, and index glass; putting in a new cover to shut off valve; putting on staple and spring, and soldering wire along cash box (but not including repairs to handles) .. .. .	..	..	per job of ten meters £ s. d. 15 6 2 each meter	..	..	..
Inserting new leather on shut off valve in Parkinson pattern pre- payment meter .. .. .	..	..	s. d. 3 2½	..	..	..

PIECEWORK PRICES—continued.

(f) REPAIRING METERS—continued.

	Lights.				
	2.	3.	5.	10.	20.
	each meter. s. d.	each meter. s. d.	each meter. s. d.	each meter. s. d.	each meter. s. d.
Repairing tin dry ordinary meters in the following manner:—					
(a) Cleaning meter; inserting diaphragms; setting or re-grinding valves; re-stuffing boxes; removing and replacing cock plates and index	7 10	8 9	9 6	10 6	14 4
(b) Cleaning meter; cutting discs; oiling diaphragms; setting or re-grinding valves; re-stuffing boxes; removing cock plate and index; taking off and putting in back and front	6 6	6 6	6 6	6 8	9 11
Repairing tin dry prepayment meters, extra on above (a) and (b):—					
(i) Meters fitted with 1977 movements	2 6	2 6	2 6	2 6	2 6
(ii) Meters fitted with 1924 and similar movements	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0
(iii) Other meters	2 3	2 3	2 3	2 3	2 3
NOTE:—14d. to be paid extra for all T. Glover slot repairs with the exception of Parkinson pattern meters—all Cowan H. to F. slots to be subject to this increase.					

With 154·976 per cent. added.

(g) EXTRAS.

Article.	Lights.	Price.	Article.	Lights.	Price.
		s. d.			s. d.
Frame and door ..	2, 3, 5, 10	0 7	Pipes inside inlet ..	2, 3, 5, 10 to 20	2 0 pair
Bottom and studs ..	2, 3, 5, 10	1 4	Other pipes ..	2, 3, 5, 10	1 0 "
	20	1 8		20	2 0 "
Bridge ..	2, 3, 5, 10	1 0	Galleries ..	2, 3, 5, 10	1 3 "
	20	1 3		20	1 8 "
Red arms ..	2, 3, 5, 10	0 4 pair	Guides ..	2 to 20	0 4 set
	20	0 8 "	Feet ..	2, 3, 5, 10	0 4 "
Valve arms ..	2, 3, 5, 10	0 3 "		20	1 0 "
Valve-box covers ..	2, 3, 5, 10	0 6 "	Rod stuffing boxes ..	2, 3, 5, 10	0 5 pair
Divisions ..	2, 3, 5, 10	2 2	Clean valves and set to zero	2	2 0
Half-valve plate ..	2	2 3		3 and 5	2 4
	5	2 5		10	2 5
	10	2 9	Slot meters extra on above	20	2 11 each
	20	2 11	Taking off and putting on back and front only ..		1 2 each
New door ..	2	0 2		2	1 3 pair
Motion wires ..	2, 3, 5, 10	0 7 pair		3 and 5	1 6 "
	20	1 3 "		10	1 8 "
Throat pieces ..	2, 3, 5, 10	1 0 "		20	2 3 "
Side chambers ..	2, 3, 5, 10	0 6 each	Turn-over backs and fronts	2 to 20	0 5 "
			Condemning ..	2	1 3
New sides ..	2, 3, 5, 10	4 4 pair		3, 5, 10	1 5
Tees ..	2, 3, 5, 10	1 0		20	1 11
	20	1 3 "	Piecing cases ..	2 to 20	0 6
			Putting in deep rim diap.	3	0 7 pair
				5	0 5 "

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NOTE.—(i) "Leaks round grating" and "All crutch leaks" shall be paid for at wages rates.

(ii) All materials for piecework, except that set out in sub-clause (d) of the piecework schedule supplied to the employee in good order and condition.

PERIODICAL ADJUSTMENT OF WAGES.

12. The wages rates for adult males set out in clause 2 are based upon the following basic wage, and pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of section 21 of the *Factories and Shops Act* 1934, the Board hereby determines that such rates shall be automatically adjusted by the same amount and at the same time as such basic wage as prescribed in clause 13.

Basic Wage.

Place.	Basic Wage (Adjustable).	Index Number Set Assigned.
	£ s. d.	
Throughout the State	8 17 0	Melbourne

ADJUSTMENT OF BASIC WAGE.

13. (a) For the purposes of this Determination the expression "Commonwealth Statistician's 'all items' retail price index numbers" or any like expression, means the numbers stated to be such index numbers in any document purporting, and not proved to be wrongly so purporting, to be printed by the Commonwealth Government Printer or to be signed by or on behalf of the Commonwealth Statistician.

(b) Until the beginning of the first pay period to commence in August, 1951, the amounts of the basic wage shall be as prescribed in clause 12.

(c) During each future successive period beginning with the first pay period to commence in an August, a November, a February, or a May, the amount of the basic wage shall be adjusted by the following method, namely by multiplying the last published Commonwealth Statistician's "all items" retail price index number by the factor 103 taken to one place of decimals the resultant whole number being the amount of the basic wage expressed in shillings, but should the decimal number reach .5 or more the basic wage shall be taken to the next higher shilling.

ADJUSTMENT OF WAGES OF JUNIORS.

14. The wages of all juniors shall be adjusted at the same time as adjustments are made to the basic wage, according to the percentages prescribed in clause 2.

ADJUSTMENT OF PIECEWORK PRICES.

15. Piecework prices are to be adjusted from time to time by the following method :—

- (i) The percentage of the increase or decrease, as the case may be, of the amount of the variation in the weekly wage rate payable to a meter maker or repairer is ascertained;
- (ii) The amounts prescribed in schedules (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) are increased or decreased by the same percentage as ascertained according to placitum (i) hereof;
- (iii) To the percentages set out in the margins to schedules (f) and (g) is added or subtracted the percentage as ascertained according to placitum (i) hereof.

A. V. BARNES, J.P., Chairman.

J. W. RYAN, Secretary.

Melbourne, 20th April, 1951.